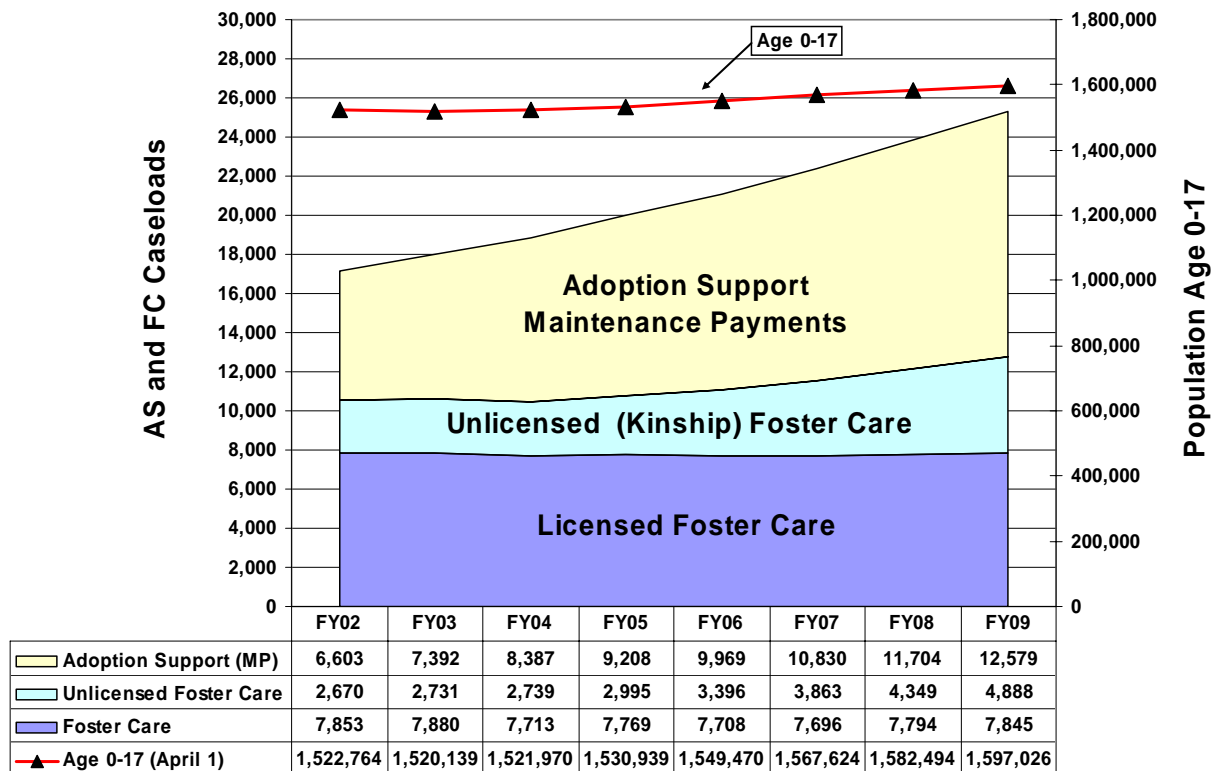


FAST FACTS

The CFC produces forecasts of the (Licensed) Foster Care and Adoption Support (Maintenance Payment) caseloads. (Unlicensed) Kinship Foster Care is also tracked although not part of the official CFC caseload forecast.

Adoption Support, Foster Care, and Population Age 0-17



The **Adoption Support** program encourages the adoption of children from DSHS foster care who, because of age, race, physical condition or emotional health, are considered more difficult to place for adoption. The program includes help with adoption finalization costs, ongoing monthly maintenance for adopted children with special needs, medical coverage to age 18, counseling reimbursements, and training opportunities.

The **Total (Licensed) Foster Care** forecast includes forecasts for Foster Family Homes, Receiving Homes, and Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS). This forecast includes children placed with relatives as long as the placement is licensed. Licensed foster homes are subject to a minimum of one in-person caseworker visit per month.

- Foster Family Homes provide 24-hour care to children who need temporary out-of-home placement due to child abuse, neglect, or family conflict.
- Behavioral Rehabilitation Services are intended for children with emotional and/or behavioral needs that exceed the service or supervision capacity of regular foster care.
- Receiving Homes are foster family homes providing emergency placement of children pending family reunification or transfer to longer term family foster or group care.

The **Unlicensed (Kinship) Foster Care** caseload includes those children subject to an open Children's Administration case file residing with a relative in an unlicensed foster care setting. Unlicensed foster homes do not receive monthly foster care stipends, but the children are eligible for a variety of state funded services including psychological assessment and counseling, clothing, and medical care. In addition, the children qualify for a TANF "child only" monthly grant of about \$320 per child. Unlicensed foster homes are also subject to a minimum of one in-person caseworker visit per month.

Breakdown of Adoption Support and Foster Care Total Caseload

Category	FY06 Average	% of Total FY06	Change from FY05 to FY06	Average Annual Percent Change FY05-07
State Population 0-17	1,549,470		18,531	1.2%
Total Licensed Foster Care¹	7,708	36.6%	-61	-0.5%
Foster Family Homes	6,683	31.7%	116	1.9%
Behavioral Rehabilitation Services	970	4.6%	-23	1.0%
Receiving Homes	315	1.5%	-102	-11.7%
Unlicensed Kinship Foster Homes	3,396	16.1%	401	14.5%
Adoption Support (MP)	9,969	47.3%	761	8.8%
Total Adoption Support and Foster Care	21,073	100.0%	1,101	6.1%

¹Unduplicated count of FFH, BRS and RH.

Foster Care and Adoption Caseload Growth

The chart above compares the FY05-07 Biennium change in the caseloads of the components of Foster Care and Adoption Support to growth in the state population age 0-17. The state population age 0-17 is expected to increase by an average of 1.2 percent (18,343) per year during the biennium. The Adoption Support and Unlicensed Kinship Foster Care caseloads are expected to increase an average of 8.8 and 14.5 percent per year, respectively, while the Total Licensed Foster Care caseload, in contrast, is expected to decrease an average of 0.5 percent per year. The combined Licensed Foster Care, Unlicensed Kinship Foster Care and Adoption Support

caseload is projected to grow, on average, by 6.1 percent per year or five times faster than the population.

Adoption Support (MP) Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2002-2003	789	12.0%	Actual	7,392
2003-2004	995	13.5%		8,387
2004-2005	821	9.8%		9,208
2005-2006	761	8.3%		9,969
2006-2007	861	8.6%	Forecast	10,830
2007-2008	874	8.1%		11,704
2008-2009	875	7.5%		12,579

Total Licensed Foster Care Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2002-2003	27	0.3%	Actual	7,880
2003-2004	-167	-2.1%		7,713
2004-2005	56	0.7%		7,769
2005-2006	-61	-0.8%		7,708
2006-2007	-12	-0.2%	Forecast	7,696
2007-2008	98	1.3%		7,794
2008-2009	51	0.7%		7,845

Note: Unduplicated Total Foster Care caseload.

Total Unlicensed Kinship Foster Care Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2002-2003	61	2.3%	Actual	2,731
2003-2004	8	0.3%		2,739
2004-2005	255	9.3%		2,995
2005-2006	401	13.4%		3,396
2006-2007	467	13.8%	Forecast	3,863
2007-2008	486	12.6%		4,349
2008-2009	539	12.4%		4,888

Total Foster Care and Adoption Support Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2002-2003	877	5.1%	Actual	18,003
2003-2004	836	4.6%		18,839
2004-2005	1,133	6.0%		19,972
2005-2006	1,101	5.5%		21,073
2006-2007	1,316	6.2%	Forecast	22,389
2007-2008	1,458	6.5%		23,847
2008-2009	1,465	6.1%		25,312